

**AMENDMENTS****In the Claims**

Claims 23, 31, 39-40, and 47 were previously canceled.

Please amend claims 6-7, 10-11, 19, 21-22, 30, 38, 46, 51, 53, 60, 68, and 75 as shown herein.

Please add new claim 78 as shown herein.

Claims 1-22, 24-30, 32-38, 41-46, and 48-78 are pending and are listed following:

1. (original) A collect callback system, comprising:

a call-in service configured to establish a communication link with a call source, the call-in service further configured to initiate a collect callback option for the call source; and

a switch configured to receive callback data from the call-in service, the switch further configured to establish a collect call via a second communication link between the call source and the call-in service.

2. (original) A collect callback system as recited in claim 1, wherein the switch is further configured to route the collect call via the second communication link through the switch.

1           **3. (original)** A collect callback system as recited in claim 1,  
2 wherein the switch is further configured to notify the call-in service that the collect  
3 call for the call source is authorized such that the call-in service can discontinue  
4 the communication link with the call source and such that the switch can establish  
5 the collect call via the second communication link.

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7           **4. (original)** A collect callback system as recited in claim 1,  
8 wherein the switch is further configured to query a Line Information Database to  
9 verify that the call source can be billed for the collect call.

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11           **5. (original)** A collect callback system as recited in claim 1, further  
12 comprising a database configured to maintain a call-in service identifier and an  
13 associated access code that each correspond to the call-in service, and wherein the  
14 switch is further configured to:

15           receive the callback data which includes the call-in service identifier and a  
16 call source identifier;

17           obtain the access code associated with the call-in service identifier from the  
18 database; and

19           utilize the call source identifier and the access code to establish the collect  
20 call via the second communication link between the call source and the call-in  
21 service.

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1           **6. (currently amended)**     A collect callback system as recited in  
2 claim 1, further comprising a database configured to maintain call source data that  
3 corresponds to the call source, and wherein the switch is further configured to  
4 obtain the call source data from the database and utilize the call source data to  
5 authorize the collect call for the call source.

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7           **7. (currently amended)**     A collect callback system as recited in  
8 claim 1, further comprising a database configured to:

9           maintain call source data that corresponds to the call source, the call source  
10 data including call limits for the call source;

11           maintain call limit standards that identify at least one of a day limit, a week  
12 limit, and or a month limit; and

13           wherein the switch is further configured to obtain the call source data from  
14 the database and authorize the collect call for the call source if the call limits for  
15 the call source do not exceed the call limit standards.

1       8.     (original)   A collect callback system as recited in claim 1, further  
2     comprising a database configured to maintain an archive of recorded data  
3     associated with the collect call between the call source and the call-in service, the  
4     recorded data including a recorded name of the call source and a recording of the  
5     collect call;

6       wherein the switch is further configured to:

7           communicate an instruction to the call source to verbalize a name to  
8           generate the recorded name of the call source; and

9           transfer at least a portion of the collect call to the database to  
10          generate the recording of the collect call.

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12       9.     (original)   A collect callback system as recited in claim 1, further  
13     comprising a database configured to maintain an archive of recorded data  
14     associated with the collect call between the call source and the call-in service, the  
15     recorded data including at least one of a call source identifier, a date of the collect  
16     call, a time of the collect call, a duration of the collect call, call source touchtone  
17     inputs, a recorded name of the call source, and a recording of the collect call;

18       wherein the switch is further configured to:

19           communicate an instruction to the call source to verbalize a name to  
20           generate the recorded name of the call source; and

21           transfer at least a portion of the collect call to the database to  
22          generate the recording of the collect call.

1           **10. (currently amended)**       A collect callback system as recited in  
2 claim 1, further comprising a database configured to:

3           maintain call source data that corresponds to the call source, the call source  
4 data including call limits for the call source;

5           maintain call limit standards that identify at least one of a day limit, a week  
6 limit, and or a month limit;

7           maintain an archive of recorded data associated with the collect call  
8 between the call source and the call-in service, the recorded data including a  
9 recorded name of the call source and a recording of the collect call;

10          wherein the switch is further configured to:

11               query a Line Information Database to verify that the call source can  
12 be billed for the collect call;

13               obtain the call source data from the database and authorize the  
14 collect call for the call source if the call limits for the call source do not  
15 exceed the call limit standards;

16               communicate an instruction to the call source to verbalize a name to  
17 generate the recorded name of the call source; and

18               transfer at least a portion of the collect call to the database to  
19 generate the recording of the collect call.  
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1           **11. (currently amended)**     A       telecommunications       system  
2 comprising ~~the a~~ collect callback system ~~as recited in claim 1~~ that includes:

3           a call-in service configured to establish a communication link with a call  
4 source, the call-in service further configured to initiate a collect callback option  
5 for the call source; and

6           a switch configured to receive callback data from the call-in service, the  
7 switch further configured to establish a collect call via a second communication  
8 link between the call source and the call-in service.

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10          **12. (original)**     A collect callback system, comprising:  
11           a switch configured to receive callback data from a call-in service that has  
12 initiated a collect callback option for a call source with which the call-in service  
13 has an established communication link;

14           a database configured to maintain an archive of recorded data associated  
15 with a collect call between the call source and the call-in service, the recorded data  
16 including a recorded name of the call source and a recording of the collect call;

17           the switch further configured to:

18                   communicate an instruction to the call source to verbalize a name to  
19 generate the recorded name of the call source;

20                   establish the collect call via a second communication link between  
21 the call source and the call-in service; and

22                   transfer at least a portion of the collect call to the database to  
23 generate the recording of the collect call.

1       **13. (original)** A collect callback system as recited in claim 12,  
2 wherein the switch is further configured to route the collect call via the second  
3 communication link through the switch.

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5       **14. (original)** A collect callback system as recited in claim 12,  
6 wherein the database is further configured to maintain associated recorded data  
7 that includes at least one of a call source identifier, a date of the collect call, a time  
8 of the collect call, a duration of the collect call, and call source touchtone inputs.

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10       **15. (original)** A collect callback system as recited in claim 12,  
11 wherein the switch is further configured to notify the call-in service that the collect  
12 call for the call source is authorized such that the call-in service can discontinue  
13 the established communication link with the call source and such that the switch  
14 can establish the collect call via the second communication link.

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16       **16. (original)** A collect callback system as recited in claim 12,  
17 wherein the switch is further configured to query a Line Information Database to  
18 verify that the call source can be billed for the collect call.

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20       **17. (original)** A collect callback system as recited in claim 12,  
21 wherein the database is further configured to maintain call source data that  
22 corresponds to the call source, and wherein the switch is further configured to  
23 obtain the call source data from the database and authorize the collect call for the  
24 call source.  
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2       **18. (original)** A collect callback system as recited in claim 12,  
3 wherein the database is further configured to maintain a call-in service identifier  
4 and an associated access code that each correspond to the call-in service, and  
5 wherein the switch is further configured to:

6       receive the callback data which includes the call-in service identifier and a  
7 call source identifier;

8       obtain the access code associated with the call-in service identifier from the  
9 database; and

10       utilize the call source identifier and the access code to establish the collect  
11 call via the second communication link between the call source and the call-in  
12 service.

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14       **19. (currently amended)** A collect callback system as recited in  
15 claim 12, wherein the database is further configured to:

16       maintain call source data that corresponds to the call source, the call source  
17 data including call limits for the call source;

18       maintain call limit standards that identify at least one of a day limit, a week  
19 limit, ~~and~~ or a month limit; and

20       wherein the switch is further configured to obtain the call source data from  
21 the database and authorize the collect call for the call source if the call limits for  
22 the call source do not exceed the call limit standards.



1       **20. (original)** A telecommunications system comprising the collect  
2 callback system as recited in claim 12.

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4       **21. (currently amended)** A collect callback system comprising a  
5 call-in dating service configured to:

6       establish a communication link with a call source that initiates  
7 communication with the call-in dating service;

8       initiate a collect callback option for the call source as a form of payment for  
9 a duration of a collect call between the call source and the call-in dating service;

10       receive an authorization input for collect call payment from the call source,  
11 the collect call being billed to a phone number associated with the call source;

12       communicate callback data to a switch that initiates a collect call via a  
13 second communication link to the call source; and

14       receive the collect call for the call source via the second communication  
15 link that is routed through the switch.

1           **22. (currently amended)**     A collect callback system comprising a  
2 switch configured to:

3           receive a call-in service identifier and a call source identifier from a call-in  
4 chat service that has initiated a collect callback option for a call source with which  
5 the call-in chat service has an established communication link;

6           utilize the call source identifier to initiate a collect call for the call source;

7           communicate an instruction to the call source to verbalize a name to  
8 generate a recorded name of the call source;

9           utilize the call-in service identifier to establish the collect call via a second  
10 communication link between the call source and the call-in chat service; and

11          generate a recording of at least a portion of the collect call.

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1           **24. (original)**   A collect callback system, comprising:

2           an automated service configured to (1) establish a communication link with  
3 a caller, (2) initiate a collect callback option for the caller as a form of payment for  
4 a duration of a collect call, and (3) receive an authorization input for the collect  
5 call from the caller;

6           a database configured to maintain an archive of recorded data associated  
7 with the collect call, the recorded data including a recorded name of the caller and  
8 a recording of at least a portion of the collect call;

9           a switch configured to (1) receive callback data from the automated service,  
10 (2) communicate an instruction to the caller to verbalize a name to generate the  
11 recorded name, (3) establish the collect call via a second communication link  
12 between the caller and the automated service, and (4) transfer the collect call to the  
13 database to generate the recording of the at least a portion of the collect call.

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15           **25. (original)**   A collect callback system as recited in claim 24,  
16 wherein the switch is further configured to route the collect call via the second  
17 communication link through the switch.

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19           **26. (original)**   A collect callback system as recited in claim 24,  
20 wherein the database is further configured to maintain associated recorded data  
21 that includes at least one of a caller identifier, a date of the collect call, a time of  
22 the collect call, a duration of the collect call, and caller touchtone inputs.

1           27. (original) A collect callback system as recited in claim 24,  
2 wherein the switch is further configured to notify the automated service that the  
3 collect call for the caller is authorized such that the automated service can  
4 discontinue the communication link with the caller and such that the switch can  
5 establish the collect call via the second communication link.

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7           28. (original) A collect callback system as recited in claim 24,  
8 wherein the database is further configured to maintain caller data that corresponds  
9 to the caller, and wherein the switch is further configured to:

10           query a Line Information Database to verify that the caller can be billed for  
11 the collect call;

12           obtain the caller data from the database; and

13           authorize the collect call for the caller.

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15           29. (original) A collect callback system as recited in claim 24,  
16 wherein the database is further configured to maintain a service identifier and an  
17 associated access code that each correspond to the automated service, and wherein  
18 the switch is further configured to:

19           receive the callback data which includes the service identifier and a caller  
20 identifier;

21           obtain the access code associated with the service identifier from the  
22 database; and

23           utilize the caller identifier and the access code to establish the collect call  
24 via the second communication link between the caller and the automated service.  
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2           **30. (currently amended)**   A collect callback system as recited in  
3 claim 24, wherein the database is further configured to:

4           maintain caller data that corresponds to the caller, the caller data including  
5 call limits for the caller;

6           maintain call limit standards that identify at least one of a day limit, a week  
7 limit, ~~and~~ or a month limit; and

8           wherein the switch is further configured to obtain the caller data from the  
9 database and authorize the collect call for the caller if the call limits for the caller  
10 do not exceed the call limit standards.

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12           **31. (canceled)**

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14           **32. (original)**   A telecommunications system comprising the collect  
15 callback system as recited in claim 24.

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1       **33. (original)** A method for collect callback, comprising:  
2       receiving callback data from a call-in service that receives a collect callback  
3       selection from a call source to which the call-in service has initiated a collect  
4       callback option via a communication link;  
5       communicating an instruction to the call source to verbalize a name;  
6       recording the name of the call source;  
7       establishing a collect call via a second communication link between the call  
8       source and the call-in service; and  
9       recording at least a portion of the collect call.

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11       **34. (original)** A method for collect callback as recited in claim 33,  
12       further comprising maintaining recorded data that includes at least one of the  
13       recording of the call source name, the recording of the portion of the collect call, a  
14       call source identifier, a date of the collect call, a time of the collect call, a duration  
15       of the collect call, and call source touchtone inputs.

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17       **35. (original)** A method for collect callback as recited in claim 33,  
18       further comprising notifying the call-in service that the collect call for the call  
19       source is authorized such that the call-in service can discontinue the  
20       communication link with the call source to enable establishing the collect call via  
21       the second communication link.

1           **36. (original)**   A method for collect callback as recited in claim 33,  
2 further comprising querying a Line Information Database to verify that the call  
3 source can be billed for the collect call.

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5           **37. (original)**   A method for collect callback as recited in claim 33,  
6 wherein receiving the callback data includes receiving a call source identifier and  
7 a call-in service identifier that corresponds to an associated access code for the  
8 call-in service.

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10          **38. (currently amended)**   A method for collect callback as recited  
11 in claim 33, further comprising:

12           obtaining call limits for the call source; and

13           authorizing the collect call for the call source if the call limits for the call  
14 source do not exceed call limit standards that identify at least one of a day limit, a  
15 week limit, ~~and~~ or a month limit.

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17          **39-40. (canceled)**  
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1       **41. (original)** A method for collect callback, comprising:  
2       establishing a communication link with a call source that initiates  
3       communication;  
4       initiating a collect callback option for the call source;  
5       receiving a collect callback selection from the call source;  
6       communicating callback data to a switch that initiates a collect call via a  
7       communication link to the call source; and  
8       receiving the collect call for the call source via the communication link that  
9       is routed through the switch.

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11       **42. (original)** A method for collect callback, comprising:  
12       establishing a communication link between a caller and an automated  
13       service;  
14       initiating a collect callback option for the caller as a form of payment for a  
15       duration of a collect call to the automated service;  
16       receiving an authorization input for the collect call from the caller;  
17       maintaining an archive of recorded data associated with the collect call, the  
18       recorded data including a recorded name of the caller and a recording of at least a  
19       portion of the collect call;  
20       communicating an instruction to the caller to verbalize a name to generate  
21       the recorded name;  
22       establishing the collect call via a second communication link between the  
23       caller and the automated service; and  
24       recording the at least a portion of the collect call.  
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2       **43. (original)**   A method for collect callback as recited in claim 42,  
3 further comprising maintaining associated recorded data that includes at least one  
4 of a caller identifier, a date of the collect call, a time of the collect call, a duration  
5 of the collect call, and caller touchtone inputs.

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7       **44. (original)**   A method for collect callback as recited in claim 42,  
8 further comprising notifying the automated service that the collect call for the  
9 caller is authorized such that the automated service can discontinue the  
10 communication link with the caller and such that the collect call via the second  
11 communication link can be established.

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13       **45. (original)**   A method for collect callback as recited in claim 42,  
14 further comprising querying a Line Information Database to verify that the caller  
15 can be billed for the collect call.

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17       **46. (currently amended)**   A method for collect callback as recited  
18 in claim 42, further comprising:

19       maintaining caller data that corresponds to the caller, the caller data  
20 including call limits for the caller;

21       maintaining call limit standards that identify at least one of a day limit, a  
22 week limit, and or a month limit; and

23       authorizing the collect call for the caller if the call limits for the caller do  
24 not exceed the call limit standards.  
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2       **47. (canceled)**

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4       **48. (original)** One or more computer-readable media comprising  
5 computer executable instructions that, when executed, direct a telecommunications  
6 switch to:

7       receive callback data from a service that receives a collect callback  
8 selection from a caller via a communication link;

9       communicate an instruction to the caller to verbalize a name;

10       record the name of the caller;

11       establish a collect call via a second communication link between the caller  
12 and the service; and

13       record at least a portion of the collect call.

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15       **49. (original)** One or more computer-readable media as recited in  
16 claim 48, further comprising computer executable instructions that, when  
17 executed, direct the telecommunications switch to notify the service that the  
18 collect call for the caller is authorized such that the service can discontinue the  
19 communication link with the caller and the telecommunications switch can  
20 establish the collect call via the second communication link.

1       **50. (original)** One or more computer-readable media as recited in  
2 claim 48, further comprising computer executable instructions that, when  
3 executed, direct the telecommunications switch to query a Line Information  
4 Database to verify that the caller can be billed for the collect call.

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6       **51. (currently amended)** One or more computer-readable media as  
7 recited in claim 48, further comprising computer executable instructions that,  
8 when executed, direct the telecommunications switch to:

9       obtain call limits for the caller; and

10       authorize the collect call for the caller if the call limits for the caller do not  
11 exceed call limit standards that identify at least one of a day limit, a week limit,  
12 and or a month limit.

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14       **52. (original)** One or more computer-readable media comprising  
15 computer executable instructions that, when executed, direct a telecommunications  
16 service to:

17       establish a communication link with a caller that initiates communication;

18       initiate a collect callback option for the caller;

19       receive a collect callback selection from the caller to authorize a collect  
20 call;

21       communicate callback data to a switch that initiates the collect call via a  
22 communication link to the caller; and

23       receive the collect call for the caller via the communication link that is  
24 routed through the switch.

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2       **53. (currently amended)**     A collect callback system as recited in  
3 claim 21, wherein the call-in dating service is further configured to initiate a query  
4 of a Line Information Database to verify that the call source can be billed for the  
5 collect call.

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7       **54. (original)**     A collect callback system as recited in claim 22,  
8 wherein the switch is further configured to query a Line Information Database to  
9 verify that the call source can be billed for the collect call.

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11       **55. (original)**     A method for collect callback as recited in claim 41,  
12 further comprising querying a Line Information Database to verify that the call  
13 source can be billed for the collect call.

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15       **56. (original)**     One or more computer-readable media as recited in  
16 claim 52, further comprising computer executable instructions that, when  
17 executed, direct the telecommunications service to initiate a query of a Line  
18 Information Database to verify that the caller can be billed for the collect call.

1       **57. (original)** A collect callback system, comprising an automated  
2 call-in device configured to:

3       establish a communication link with a call source that initiates  
4 communication with the automated call-in device;

5       initiate a collect callback option for the call source;

6       receive an authorization input for collect call payment from the call source;

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8       establish a collect call for the call source.

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10       **58. (original)** A collect callback system as recited in claim 57,  
11 wherein the automated call-in device is further configured to query a Line  
12 Information Database to verify that the call source can be billed for the collect  
13 call.

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15       **59. (original)** A collect callback system as recited in claim 57,  
16 wherein the automated call-in device is an integrated component of a  
17 telecommunications switch.

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19       **60. (currently amended)** A collect callback system as recited in  
20 claim 57, wherein the automated call-in device is further configured to obtain call  
21 source data from a database and utilize the call source data to authorize the collect  
22 call for the call source.

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1       **61. (original)** A collect callback system as recited in claim 57,  
2 wherein the automated call-in device is further configured to establish the collect  
3 call between the call source and a call-in service.

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5       **62. (original)** A collect callback system as recited in claim 57,  
6 wherein the automated call-in device is further configured to communicate collect  
7 callback data to a telecommunications switch that establishes the collect call via a  
8 second communication link between the call source and a call-in service.

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10       **63. (original)** A collect callback system as recited in claim 57,  
11 wherein the automated call-in device is further configured to record the  
12 authorization input for the collect call payment.

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14       **64. (original)** A collect callback system, comprising:  
15       an automated call-in device configured to initiate a collect callback option  
16 for a call source that initiates communication with the automated call-in device,  
17 the automated call-in device further configured to receive an authorization input  
18 for collect call payment from the call source; and

19       a telecommunications switch configured to receive collect callback data  
20 from the automated call-in device and initiate a collect call for the call source.  
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1       **65. (original)** A collect callback system as recited in claim 64,  
2 wherein the telecommunications switch is further configured to query a Line  
3 Information Database to verify that the call source can be billed for the collect  
4 call.

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6       **66. (original)** A collect callback system as recited in claim 64,  
7 wherein the automated call-in device is an integrated component of the  
8 telecommunications switch.

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10       **67. (original)** A collect callback system as recited in claim 64,  
11 wherein the automated call-in device is further configured to communicate the  
12 collect callback data to the telecommunications switch, the collect call back data  
13 including a call source identifier and a call-in device identifier.

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15       **68. (currently amended)** A collect callback system as recited in  
16 claim 64, wherein the telecommunications switch is further configured to obtain  
17 call source data from a database and utilize the call source data to authorize the  
18 collect call for the call source.

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20       **69. (original)** A collect callback system as recited in claim 64,  
21 wherein the telecommunications switch is further configured to establish the  
22 collect call via a second communication link between the call source and a call-in  
23 service.

1       **70. (original)** A collect callback system as recited in claim 64,  
2 wherein the telecommunications switch is further configured to record the  
3 authorization input for the collect call payment.

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5       **71. (original)** A method for collect callback, comprising:  
6 establishing a communication link with a call source that initiates  
7 communication;  
8 initiating a collect callback option for the call source;  
9 receiving an authorization input for collect call payment from the call  
10 source; and  
11 establishing a collect call for the call source.

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13       **72. (original)** A method as recited in claim 71, further comprising  
14 querying a Line Information Database to verify that the call source can be billed  
15 for the collect call.

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17       **73. (original)** A method as recited in claim 71, further comprising  
18 communicating collect callback data to a telecommunications switch that  
19 establishes the collect call for the call source, the collect callback data including a  
20 call source identifier and a call-in device identifier.



1       **74. (original)** A method as recited in claim 71, further comprising  
2 communicating collect callback data to a telecommunications switch that  
3 establishes the collect call via a second communication link between the call  
4 source and a call-in service.

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6       **75. (currently amended)** A method as recited in claim 71, further  
7 comprising obtaining call source data from a database and utilizing the call source  
8 data to authorize the collect call for the call source.

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10       **76. (original)** A method as recited in claim 71, further comprising  
11 recording the authorization input for the collect call payment.

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13       **77. (original)** A method as recited in claim 71, wherein establishing  
14 the collect call includes establishing the collect call between the call source and a  
15 call-in service.

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17       Please add new claim 78 as follows:

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19       **78. (new)** A collect callback system as recited in claim 22,  
20 wherein the call-in chat service is a call-in dating service.  
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